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**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Will Honor
America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Passes**

PITTSBURGH, PA. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will honor two of the four America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Passes to give a 50 percent reduction in day use and camping fees to pass holders at its recreation areas beginning in January 2007.

The Corps will accept the Senior Pass for citizens and permanent residents age 62 and over and the Access Pass for citizens and permanent residents with an established permanent medical disability. Because the Corps does not charge entrance fees, the new interagency Annual Pass and the Volunteer Pass are not applicable to Corps projects. The Corps of Engineers will continue its own Annual Day Use Pass program entitling pass holders to unlimited use of Corps day use facilities where fees are charged (i.e., certain beaches and boat launching ramps) for a set flat fee for a 12-month period from the date of purchase.

The new passes are available as the result of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004. In addition to addressing passes pertinent to entrance fees, the legislation established the new discount pass program to replace the Golden Passport Program for all agencies. The Corps will continue to accept Golden Access and Golden Age Passports according to the provisions of the pass. In addition, paper Golden Access and Golden Age Passports may be exchanged free of charge for new plastic America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Passes.

The new America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Passes may be obtained in person at select USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife Service facilities that charge fees. The Corps of Engineers can not issue the passes.

Additional information about the recreation pass program is available by calling 1-888-275-8747 (1-888-ASK-USGS) or on the internet at <http://www.recreation.gov/recpass.jsp>.

The Corps encourages all Americans to enjoy the nation's public lands and waters. The Corps is the largest federal provider of outdoor recreation opportunities, operating more than 2,500 recreation areas at 456 projects (mostly lakes) and leasing an additional 1,800 sites to state or local park and recreation authorities or private interests.

The Corps hosts about 375 million visits each year at its lakes, beaches and other areas, and estimates that 25 million Americans (one in ten) visit a Corps project at least once a year to recreate. Additional information about the Corps' recreation program is available at www.CorpsLakes.us.

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